



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT
October 13, 2011**

Special Meeting	A community meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Media Room at Macdonough School, Spring Street, on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 7 p.m.
Present	Deputy Mayor Joseph E. Bibisi, Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Philip J. Pessina, Robert P. Santangelo, Hope P. Kasper, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Deborah A. Kleckowski, David Bauer, and Daniel Drew;; Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Brian White, and Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.
Absent	Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano, Council Members Gerald E. Daley, James B. Streeto, and Corporation Counsel William Howard.
Also Present	Seven members of the public
Meeting Called to Order	The Deputy Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asks director Guy Russo to lead the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Call of Meeting Read	The Call of Meeting was read and accepted. Deputy Mayor Bibisi declares the Call a Legal Call and the Meeting a Legal Meeting.

Agenda Item	2-1
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The Acting Chair recognizes Councilman Serra who reads and moves for approval agenda item 2-1 and Councilman Pessina seconds the motion. The Chair calls for the vote and it is unanimous to approve with the members present and voting aye. The Chair declares the matter approved.

Councilman Serra presents the resolution to Mr. Russo's nephew, Guy Russo. Mr. Russo states he was asked by his family to be here to accept this on behalf of Joe. He stopped and saw him and his Uncle stated he had his annual physical and the doctor told him he has a heart of a teenager and I told him that was great so long as there was not a teenager running around with the heart of a 99 year old

Acting Chair Bibisi states we all went around to his grocery store and it was my first stop when he was on patrol; we loved his store on Main Street.

Resolution No.	162-11
File Name	ccrusso2011.doc
Description	Honoring Joseph Russo on his 100th birthday celebration.
(Approved)	

WHEREAS, Joseph Russo, son of Rosalina Santostefano and Gaetano Russo, was born in Middletown on October 17, 1911 and will be celebrating his 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Joe attended kindergarten through third grade at the Green Street School; he went to Central School for grades fourth through eighth and then to Middletown High School for two weeks; and

WHEREAS, at age fifteen, Joe was hired by Goodyear Rubber Company where he worked for three years; he left Middletown for Boston to work for B. F. Goodrich; he eventually returned to Middletown and continued working at the Goodyear Company until he turned age 32; and

WHEREAS, Joe was employed by Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford in quality control from 1943 – 1945; in 1945, he went to work at Remington Rand doing assembly work until 1947; and

WHEREAS, his love for Middletown led Joe to open his own business at the north end of Main Street, Russo's Store in 1947; he opened Russo's Delicatessen on East Main Street in 1949 and remained there until 1974; Hickey's Delicatessen is still at this location; and

WHEREAS, Joe married Charlotte Hennessey on October 12, 1940 and they have three children, Rosalind, Joseph, and Kathleen; they are the grandparents of Scott, Brian and Dennis and the great grandparents of Martin, Wesley, Zackary, Ariel, Jack, Sydney, and Spencer; and

WHEREAS, Joe has been a professional musician since 1931, playing the alto/baritone saxophone and clarinet; he joined the Musicians Local 499 and played with Earl Alquist and the Commanders, the Wesleyan Serenaders, and when founded, the Middletown Symphonic Band; and

WHEREAS, Joe, wanting to complete his education and be a role model for his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, attained his high school diploma in 1996 at the age of seventy-five; and

WHEREAS, Joe's family and friends will commemorate his 100th birthday at a celebration in his honor, on October 22, 2011, at Cantina Cafe' Ristorante.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That we congratulate Joseph Russo on his 100th birthday on Monday, October 17, 2011; we hope that he shares the richness of his memories of Middletown and his life and times with his family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That on behalf of Middletown's citizens, we wish him good health

Public Comment Opens

and happiness on this birthday and for each birthday he celebrates.
Acting Chair Bibisi opens public comment at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Caracoglia states he requested an investigation two months ago under the Charter which states the Council has the authority to make an investigation about City agencies and the request he has applied is the Police Department and he believes two officers lied and he was the victim of an assault and the officer of the law arrested him on breach of peace charge and the case be heard next week and he will pinpoint all the lies of Mr. white.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Serra states will not be part of this and using names creates liability; he leaves the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Acting Chair Bibisi tells Mr. Caracoglia, no names and characterization.

Noted for the Record

Councilwoman Kasper also states she will not be part of a meeting where names are used and leaves at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Caracoglia continues and states Councilman Bibisi and Councilman Daley said to give a report and it took him a month to finish the report and he believes the report was not and did not follow the procedure for which it was intended. The Council has the authority to investigate and if his charges are as clear as they are you should not find it hard to find the two people guilty. He understood the report went to the Safety Committee where he charged two people on the Safety Committee with conflicts.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Santangelo states that is three minutes.

The Acting Chair states he has one minute. Councilman Santangelo states is the rule four minutes or three minutes. The Acting Chair states let him wrap it up. Mr. Caracoglia states he attended the meeting and two Council men at the meeting who behaved in a manner not in the City's interest and they were included in his report and they had conflict a of interest.

Acting Chair Bibisi states your time is up. He asks if there are other speakers.

Luanda Perry asks what the Board of Education is doing about bullying.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Serra and Councilwoman Kasper return to their seats at 7:12 p.m.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Drew takes a seat at 7:12 p.m.

The Acting Chair responds that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Council. Councilman Klattenberg asks if you brought the subject up at the Board of Education meeting; Ms Perry responds she will next week. Councilman Pessina states the principal will tell you when the meeting occurs.

The Acting Chair asks if there are other members wishing to address the Council.

Point of Privilege

Councilman Serra states he wants to make sure it is on the record I left because I do not want to be part of any potential liability cases because of accusations made against officers and mentioning the names of officers

Councilwoman Kasper states The Statute for Freedom of Information says if employees are discussed, the meeting has to be in executive session unless the employees ask for an open session

Councilman Drew is recognized by the Acting Chair and states there was a car accident on Spring Street in front of the school and he went to make sure no one needed aid, which is why he is late.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Serra moves to adjourn and Councilman Faulkner seconds. The Acting Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
Common Council Clerk